

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ENERGY SECURITY, 5 YEARS AFTER THE PERSIAN GULF WAR

HON. DAN SCHAEFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 1996

Mr. SCHAEFER. Mr. Speaker, what is the cornerstone of a sound and thriving economy? What is an absolute prerequisite for American national security? What is the key to this country's overall well-being?

The answer is a vibrant domestic energy industry, one which will help reduce this country's dependence on foreign oil imports.

Unfortunately, despite the development of alternative forms of energy and the tremendous gains in energy efficiency in the past two decades, we are farther now from energy independence than ever. Last year, for the first time in history, the United States imported more than half of the oil it consumed. In 1973, during the oil crisis that virtually paralyzed the country, about 35 percent of our oil supplies were imported.

Though oil appears to be plentiful and real prices for energy are at or near all-time lows, we must not be lulled into a false sense of complacency. We must ensure the viability, productivity, and competitiveness of the domestic American energy industry.

As chairman of the Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Energy and Power, I am committed to supporting policies that will help lead to greater American energy independence in the years to come.

Though the issue of energy security does not grab as many headlines these days as it did 5 short years ago during the Persian gulf war, I hope my colleagues understand that it will grab the headlines again someday in the future. We must take steps now to ensure that future generations of Americans do not suffer because of any failure on our part to safeguard the integrity and viability of our country's domestic energy industry.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 1996

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on three items from March 7. I would have voted "yes" on H.R. 3021 on final passage of the extension of the debt ceiling, "yes" on the Dreier amendment to the amendment to the rule on H.R. 3019 the Balanced Budget Act, regarding title IV contingency funding being subject to reconciliation legislation, and "yes" on the adoption of the rule to H.R. 3019 the Balanced Budget Act.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RABBI AND MRS. DAVID ELIACH FOR A LIFE- TIME COMMITMENT TO RELI- GIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL LEAD- ERSHIP

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 1996

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two unique individuals, Rabbi Doctor David Eliach and his wife, Prof. Yaffa Eliach for their endless dedication and tireless work in the fields of Hebrew language instruction and Judaic studies. On the eve of their retirement, I salute these two outstanding citizens for contributing to the educational achievement of students throughout Brooklyn.

At a time when religious education is often overlooked by more mainstream and secular educational training, Rabbi Eliach single-handedly inspired the parents and children of Flatbush, Brooklyn with his love and respect for the Hebrew language. As dean of the Yeshiva of Flatbush and principal of the Joel Braverman High School for over 43 years, Rabbi Eliach provided thousands of Yeshiva students with extensive training in Hebrew and Jewish history unmatched by most other educational institutions in New York. The communities of Brooklyn have benefited much from Rabbi Eliach's commitment to thorough language instruction coupled with his drive for academic excellence. His work has made an indelible impression on his students, faculty and friends of the Yeshivah of Flatbush.

Prof. Yaffa Eliach has also established note worthy life-long career in Jewish instruction and creative literature. As a highly-noted scholar of Judaic studies, founder of the Center of Holocaust Studies and creator of the acclaimed "Tower of Life" at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, Professor Eliach has made enormous contributions to the institutional knowledge of Jewish culture history throughout the world. Her works have been studied and read widely in several different countries.

These two educators have served our community with distinction. Their presence in the cultural and academic life of Yeshiva students and neighbors throughout the world will certainly be missed. As Rabbi Doctor David and Yaffa Eliach celebrate their retirement, I am honored to salute them as leaders of the Jewish community. I urge all my fellow colleagues to recognize these dedicated individuals and wish them well in their future endeavors.

WAYS AND MEANS SCHIZOPHRENIA

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 1996

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, last week, the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee

delivered a speech on the 1996 schedule of the committee.

The first three pages talked about how horribly complex the current Tax Code is and how the chairman wants to tear the code out 'by its roots,' substitute a kind of sales tax, and make the IRS unnecessary.

The last two pages talks about what the committee is going to do in March in the health sector: pass medical savings accounts, which are an elaborate and complicated new type tax deferred savings plan, and increase the tax deductibility of health insurance for the self-employed, but not their workers.

Hello.

I am sure that the chairman writes his own speeches, and if I did not know that, I would say that two different people who had never met wrote that speech. How can you start a short speech saying you are going to abolish the current Tax Code and greatly simplify it, and end that speech saying you are going to add two new special incentives that will add pages of regulations and forms to the law?

LEGISLATION FOR CASA MALPAIS NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

HON. J.D. HAYWORTH

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 1996

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation which would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the Casa Malpais National Historic Landmark in Springerville, AZ. The Casa Malpais National Historic Landmark is a 14.5 acre archaeological site located near the towns of Springerville and Eager in north-eastern Arizona. The site was occupied around A.D. 1250 by one of the largest and most sophisticated Mogollon communities in the United States.

Casa Malpais is an extraordinary rich archaeological site. Stairways, a Great Kiva complex, a fortification wall, a prehistoric trail, catacombs, sacred chambers, and rock panels are just some of the features of this large masonry pueblo. Due to its size, condition, and complexity, the site offers an unparalleled opportunity to study ancient society in the Southwest and, as such, is of national significance.

My legislation would establish the Casa Malpais National Historic Landmark as an affiliated unit of the National Park Service. Affiliated status would authorize the resources and protection necessary to preserve this treasure. As a member of the family of affiliated national landmarks, the public would also have greater exposure to the Casa Malpais site.

The communities in the area support this legislation. Local officials have taken steps to ensure that all research and development of the site is conducted in consultation with affiliated local native American tribes.

I ask my colleagues to support this measure. It will enhance the landmark's attributes

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